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For: THREE SIDED BUTTABLE CMOS IMAGE  
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits, further to the accompanying Request for Continued Examination, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.